IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for transmitting a character message in a mobile communication terminal during a conversation by telephone, comprising the steps of:

setting the mobile communication terminal to a character message-transmitting/receiving mode while in a state in which a speech path has been established between the mobile communication terminal and a mobile communication terminal of a party other than the user; and

inputting a character message while in the character message-transmitting/receiving mode, processing the written character message and transmitting the written character message in character format to the mobile communication terminal of the other party via the established speech path in the character message-transmitting/receiving mode.

5. (Amended) A method for receiving a character message in a mobile communication terminal during a conversation by telephone, comprising the steps of:

establishing a speech path between the mobile communication terminal and a mobile communication terminal of another party;

receiving a character message in character format from the mobile communication terminal of the other party via the speech path; and

processing and displaying the received character message.

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